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" (c) The maximum amount of loan sanctioned is Rs. 1,000 and the minimum Rs. 30.

" (d) One hundred and forty-nine applications of Government servants were sanctioned."

Major irrigation schemes in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 986 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have got any major irrigation schemes including the tank restoration schemes under consideration for Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district;

(b) if so, what they are; and

(c) the names of firkas that may be benefited by the Pullambadi scheme?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The following eight schemes are under various stages of consideration :—

Major irrigation schemes.

1. Construction of an anicut across Sendurai odai.
2. Improvements to Sripurandan tank.
3. Ayacut modification under Ponneri tank and inclusion of new areas under the ayacut.
4. Restoration of Valavaneri tank.
5. Proposal to extend supply to 85 acres in Kattagaram village.
6. Construction of an anicut across Kallar river and excavation of channel.
7. Diversion of Vannankuli odai and formation of a reservoir.

Tank improvement scheme.

8. Raising the F.T.L. of Keelnatham Adian Eri tank.

" (c) The information is not available with the Government. As the scheme has been deferred for the present, the Government consider that no useful purpose will be served in collecting the particulars."

House-sites for Harijans.

* 987 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) (i) what was the amount allotted in the 1951–52 budget to buy house-sites for Harijans, and (ii) how much has been spent districtwise; and

(b) (i) how many applications were received from Harijans of Vijayavada taluk, (ii) how many were sanctioned and (iii) the total expenditure incurred by the Government in Vijayavada taluk?

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) (i) Rupees 7,11,200.

(ii) A statement showing the amount spent districtwise is laid on the table of the House.

" (b) (i) Two hundred and eighty-four applicants applied for grant of house-sites in Vijayavada taluk in 1951–52.

(ii) Forty-one house-sites were granted.

(iii) A sum of Rs. 3,027 was spent in 1951–52."

Alleged bribery in cyclone-relief operations, Tanjore.

* 988 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether in connexion with the recent cyclone-relief operations undertaken by the Government in the district of Tanjore, complaints of bribery have been made against some village munsifs and karnams; and if so, their number and action taken on them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In fifteen cases complaints of bribery and corruption were made against village officers in connexion with cyclone-relief operations in the Tanjore district. In nine cases, the charges were not proved. Three cases are still under enquiry. In one case the karnam was removed from service. In two cases, the karnams were suspended one for a period of five months from 22nd December 1952 and the other for the period from 25th December 1952 to 21st March 1953."

House-rent allowance to Government servants in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 989 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the places in Udayarpalayam taluk where the Government servants are paid house-rent allowance and the criterion for the payment of this allowance;

(b) whether Ariyalur comes within the purview of the places eligible for the grant of this allowance; and

(c) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) For the purpose of grant of house-rent allowance, places in Madras State have been classified into three groups as indicated below :—

(1) Madras City and its suburbs form Group I;

(2) mufassal municipalities with a population of over 50,000 form Group II; and

(3) all other municipalities and taluk headquarters form Group III.

The amount of house-rent allowance admissible to Government servants varies from one group to another.

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